

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-011CON2
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 4, 2009 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before June 4, 2009. A Petition for a two-month extension of time is being submitted herewith to extend the response date to August 4, 2009. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.